

June 27, 2002

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
Supervisor Don Knabe
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From: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

MOTION TO SUPPORT SB 510 (SCOTT) - (ITEM NO. 5, AGENDA OF JULY 2, 2002)

Item No. 5 on your agenda for Tuesday, July 2, 2002, is a motion by Supervisor Knabe that the Board of Supervisors support SB 510 (Scott), and instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to send letters of support to the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation and to Governor Gray Davis urging their support for enactment of this legislation.

SB 510 would make it a misdemeanor to knowingly possess weapons, replica weapons, parts of weapons, ammunition, unauthorized tear gas weapons, any taser or stun gun, or any instrument that expels a metallic projectile including marker guns and paint guns, within secured areas of an airport where the access is controlled by inspection, or where inspections are conducted. These acts would be punishable by a penalty of six months in county jail or \$1,000 or both. Also, this bill would increase the penalty for trespassing on airport operations areas. If the trespass is an infraction, the fine is increased from \$100 to \$250 or, if the trespasser refuses to leave a posted area after being requested to leave, it would be a misdemeanor and punishable by six months in county jail, a \$1,000 fine, or both.

The Department of Public Works indicates that there are no air carrier operations on County-owned airports, therefore, this bill will not affect County airports. According to the Sheriff, they have no enforcement responsibilities on affected airports and do not have a position on this bill. Also, the Los Angeles County District Attorney is neutral on this bill.

The Author's office states that this bill deals only with secured or operational areas of airports that serve air carriers and does not affect general aviation airports. Also, this bill

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does not affect existing law regarding the lawful transportation of firearms or the lawful possession of firearms, imitation firearms, or weapons.

Support of SB 510 is consistent with Board policy to sustain public safety through enhanced airport security.

According to the Author's office, SB 510 passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee on a 6 to 0 vote and will be sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. It is supported by the Los Angeles City Attorney. There is no opposition on file.

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c: Executive Officer, Clerk of the Board
County Counsel